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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

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- the claims:

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
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- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US 40389152 A

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a grease-hood system including an entry portion (142, fig. 4) corresponding to the claimed hood (10), and a forced-flow portion (105) including a filter (112) and corresponding to the claimed "cell (14)". Further, the forced-flow portion (105) has an intake-air connection (111) for leading intake air into the portion 105 to alter the temperature and/or flow of the exhaust air (column 3 line 67 - column 4 line 13). The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the previously known device in view of the actual regulation of the temperature and flow. Thus, the amended claim 1 states that the system includes a temperature sensor, a heat exchanger, a motor and a damper by which the velocity, quantity, and/or temperature of the intake air can be regulated in view of actual temperature, compared to the device in D1, which alters the temperature and flow by its special design only.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as obtaining an arrangement that can optimize the temperature and velocity in each different circumstance.

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The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) while none of the documents mentioned in the International Search Report reveal such a special temperature/flow control.

Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

There is no reason to doubt the industrial applicability of the invention.

CLAIMS

1. An arrangement in the ventilation of a kitchen appliance, which arrangement is arranged to be connected to a ventilation system, and which arrangement includes

- at least one hood (10), which is intended to be installed above the kitchen appliance (11),
 - an exhaust-air connection (27) in each hood (10), for connecting the hood (10) to the exhaust-air duct (12) belonging to the ventilation system,
 - a separator (15), for separating grease from the exhaust air,
 - a cell (14) arranged after the hood (10), to which a separator (15) is fitted, and which is connected to the exhaust-air duct (12), and the cell (14) includes a connection (26) for leading the exhaust air from the hood (10) to the cell (14), and
 - an intake-air connection (25) in the cell (14) for leading intake air into the cell (14) and thus for using the intake air to alter the temperature and/or flow of the exhaust air,
- in which arrangement the cell (14) is arranged separate from the hood (10), and there are means (17 - 20) for regulating the velocity, quantity, and/or temperature of the air mixed in the cell (14) in such way that the velocity, quantity, and temperature of the air mixed in the cell (14) are as desired in contact with the separator (15), characterized in that the means (17 - 20) include a temperature sensor (18) arranged in the cell (14) in connection with the separator (15) as well as a heat exchanger (17), a motor (19), and a damper (20) arranged in connection with the intake-air connection (25) for regulating the velocity, quantity, and/or temperature of the intake air, and the heat exchanger (17), the motor (19), and the damper (20) are connected to the temperature sensor (18) for controlling them.

2. An arrangement according to Claim 1, characterized in that the cell (14) is an elongated structure and the connection (26)

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is fitted to the opposite end of the cell (14) to the separator (15).

3. An arrangement according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized 5 in that the ventilation system, the cell (14) is fitted essentially horizontally relative to its longitudinal axis.

4. An arrangement according to any of Claim 1 - 3, characterized 10 in that, in order to feed intake air into the exhaust air, the cell (14) includes a distribution duct (23) and nozzle elements (21) connected to it.

5. An arrangement according to any of Claims 1 - 4, characterized 15 in that the intake-air connection (25) is connected to the intake-air duct (13) belonging to the ventilation system.

6. An arrangement according to any of Claims 1 - 5, characterized 20 in that the cell (14) includes baffle elements (28) for guiding the flow of the exhaust air in the cell (14).

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7. An arrangement according to any of Claims 1 - 6, characterized 25 in that the cell (14) includes washing elements (31) for distributing washing liquid to the cell (14) and/or the separator (15).

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8. An arrangement according to any of Claims 1 - 7, characterized 30 in that the width of the cell (14) is 1,1 - 2,0 times, preferably 1,2 - 1,8 times the width of the exhaust-air duct (12), in order to form a mixing chamber.

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9. An arrangement according to any of Claims 1 - 8, characterized 35 in that the length of the cell (14) is 2 - 6 times, preferably 3 - 5 times the width of the cell (14).

10. An arrangement according to any of Claims 1 - 9, characterized 40 in that the cubic capacity of the cell (14) is at least 10 % of the minute volume of the flow of exhaust air.